

MVAC MEETING

February 14, 2001

- MVAC meeting was held at Fleet. Unfortunately, the turnout was limited due to the snowstorm overnight. Various issues were covered as follows.
- SFM has received approximately 120 requests for seasonal vehicles. As we experience tighter constraints on replacement vehicles, the pool of available vehicles for seasonal needs will continue to shrink. Therefore, please carefully consider seasonal needs. Previous attempts at getting vehicles from other companies have yielded liability issues. SFM will continue to explore options but wants each agency to keep expectation down and to carefully consider how to maximize limited resources.
- SFM is still waiting for the JBC to complete figure setting, which is expected around March to identify FY2002 vehicle replacements. We will, hopefully, know more as to the vehicles and funding approved for replacement.
- SFM met with Revenue to discuss license plate and renewal issues. SFM is striving to reduce the 3 week turn-around on new vehicles to less than one week. We also identified problems that agencies have in getting their renewals processed. We will keep you informed as to progress on these issues.
- SFM has had a large number of accidents recently where the vehicles (mostly new) had to be totaled and it was a result of state driver error. SFM has sent some letters out to agencies asking them what they are intending to do relative to driver action and what changes will be implemented in order to be more proactive with accident prevention. Since replacement funding is limited, a totaled vehicle can severely impact agency operations. SFM has experienced a range of “attitudes” resulting in “where is my replacement.” SFM will be investigating each accident more thoroughly and will be getting agency input prior to ordering any vehicle replacements. The accident fund is a “risk pool” whereby the vehicle is repaired or any remaining balance owed is paid off. The pool does not fund replacement vehicles. SFM will be drafting new safety and accident policies as well as recommendations for other related policy changes. SFM will need each agency to endorse and play an active role in accident prevention strategies.
- The first meeting of the Fleet Strategic Group took place on January 22, 2001. A copy of the minutes is attached identifying the key action items of this group. The goal of this group is to look at broader strategic issues to help SFM.
- **Also attached is a letter from Sen. Peggy Reeves, Chairperson of the JBC. Her letter identifies that the fuel supplemental spending appropriation will not be fully approved for FY 2000-01. The JBC solution is for agencies to drive 5% fewer miles this year than previously. SFM has pleaded its case prior to the JBC directive. Please make sure that this letter is passed along to the appropriate levels within your organization.**
- The next MVAC meeting will be March 14th at 9:00 am at Fleet.